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SUBJ: SADAT PEACE INITATIVE STRAINING ICATU

1. EGYPTIAN FEDERATION OF LABOR (EFL) SUPPORT FOR
PRESIDENT SADAT, REFLECTING WIDESPREAD RANK AND FILE SENTIMENT HAS BEEN VOCAL AND UNSTINTING, BUT RAMIFICATIONS FOR
ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, PRINCIPALLY ICATU, ARE SEVERE.
WE HAVE REPORTED SEPARATELY THAT EFL HAS SERVERED TIES
WITH COUNTERPARTS IN LIBYA, SYRIA AND IRAQ. VARIOUS
FERDERATION COMPONENTS HAVE ALREADY BOYCOTTED TRADE SECRELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TARIAT MEETINGS IN REJECTION CAPITALS, FOR EXAMPLE ARAB FOOD INDUSTRIES WORKERS' GATHERING IN BAGHDAD, AND EFL ABOUT TO BOYCOTT TRIPOLI ICATU MEETING.

2. EFL SENDING MISSION TO TUNISIA, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, SOMALIA AND SUDAN TO EXPLAIN ITS OPPOSITION TO WILDCAT ICATU CONDEMNATION OF SADAT. EFL FOUND SUCH CONDEMNATION PREDICTABLE IN VIEW ICATU SECRETARIAT NOW DOMINATED BY IRAQ, SYRIA, PDRY AND PLO. IT BELIEVES THAT ICATU HEADQUARTERS MAY WELL BE TRANSFERRED OUT OF CAIRO BUT, AMIDST QUICKENING SENSE OF EGYPTIAN NATIONALISM AND CONVICTION THAT SADAT ON RIGHT PATH, IS FOR MOMENT INDIFFERENT. EILTS

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